

## Welcome to our Stakeholder Involvement Survey

**Do you involve stakeholders when carrying out your research projects?**

**And have you come across problems in this context that you did not expect beforehand?**

**Have you realised differences in the way you work with stakeholders compared to other organisations or researchers?**

**Then you could use 10 minutes of your time to fill in our survey on “Stakeholder Involvement in Sustainability Science”.**

**Tell us what you think about the role stakeholders should play in the research process, the goals of stakeholder involvement or the kind of knowledge that should be produced with it.**

**Thank you for sharing your ideals and experiences concerning stakeholder involvement with us and helping us advance the academic debate in this field!**

## Demographics

### 1. Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Other

### 2. Nationality

### 3. Age

### 4. Level of education

- ☐ Prof.
- ☐ Habil
- ☐ PhD
- ☐ Master
- ☐ Bachelor
- ☐ Student
- ☐ Other (please specify)

### 5. Type of education

- ☐ Disciplinary
- ☐ Interdisciplinary
- ☐ Other (please specify)

**6. Field of education (multiple answers allowed)**

- ☐ Social Sciences
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Natural Sciences
- ☐ Interdisciplinary field (e.g. Sustainability Sciences)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

**7. Place of work**

- ☐ University
- ☐ Think Tank
- ☐ Research Institute
- ☐ Company
- ☐ Consultancy
- ☐ Government Agency
- ☐ Other (please specify)

## Projects with Stakeholder Involvement

### Please refer to your latest projects

8. I involve stakeholders in my projects...

- ☐ all the time
- ☐ regularly
- ☐ seldom
- ☐ never

9. The nature of the stakeholder projects is...

- ☐ Transdisciplinary
- ☐ Interdisciplinary
- ☐ Disciplinary
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. I work with stakeholders from...(multiple answers allowed)

- ☐ Science
- ☐ Politics
- ☐ Companies
- ☐ Civil society
- ☐ Citizens
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. The main topics of my stakeholders projects are...(multiple answers allowed)

- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Climate policy
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. The funding for my stakeholders projects comes from...(multiple answers allowed)

- ☐ National government
- ☐ European Institution
- ☐ Foundation
- ☐ Company
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. I involve stakeholder mostly through...(multiple answers allowed)

- ☐ Interviews
- ☐ Focus groups
- ☐ Workshops
- ☐ Surveys
- ☐ Experiments
- ☐ Cooperation
- ☐ Other (please specify)

14. The stakeholder projects are conducted at the ---- level... (multiple answered allowed)

- ☐ Local
- ☐ Regional
- ☐ National
- ☐ Supranational (e.g. EU)
- ☐ International (e.g. OECD)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

## Concepts of Stakeholder Involvement

15. According to your understanding of stakeholder involvement in science: in which stages of the research process is stakeholder involvement important (multiple answers allowed)?

- ☐ Planning phase
- ☐ Data collection
- ☐ Analysis of results
- ☐ Dissemination

16. And why?

|   | Strongly<br>Agree<br>5 | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     | Strongly<br>Disagree<br>1 |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| To increase the extent and quality of data by consulting issue-specific experts.                  | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| To find out about stakeholders' interests and feed them into the research process .               | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| To test research findings against their perception and practicality in societal spheres.          | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| To allow affected stakeholders by the research to give feed-back and join deliberative processes. | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |

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17. According to your understanding of stakeholder involvement in science: what SHOULD the main role of the scientist in relation to the stakeholder be in a project?

- ☐ Scientist (S) leads the research process. Stakeholders (SH) are considered issue-specific experts. (see illustration 1 below)
- ☐ Scientist (S) is a stakeholder (SH) himself and bargains for his or her (scientific) interests in the research process. (see illustration 2 below)
- ☐ Scientist (S) observes only from an external position to analyse the perspectives of stakeholders (SH).(see illustration 3 below)
- ☐ Scientist (S) facilitates and moderates a cooperative dialogue with affected stakeholders (SH), trying to create trust. (see illustration 4 below)

Is this in line with your EXPERIENCE from your stakeholder projects? If possible, please specify by choosing one of the answers above

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18. According to your understanding of stakeholder involvement in your scientific field: what kind of knowledge SHOULD be **mainly** produced in stakeholder projects?

- ☐ Objective data and information concerning technologies or scientific problems
- ☐ Networks and interests of stakeholders
- ☐ System-specific perspectives and languages
- ☐ Needs and values of the stakeholders involved

What kind of knowledge was ACTUALLY produced in your projects? If possible, please specify by choosing one of the options above



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19. According to your understanding of stakeholder involvement in science, the scientist's main goal of stakeholder involvement is to...

|  | Strongly<br>Agree<br>5 | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     | Strongly<br>Disagree<br>1 |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| get better data by involving issue-specific experts.                         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| increase relevance, ensure funding and impact of his research.               | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| understand learning processes in science and society.                        | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| integrate the perspectives of all actors touched by societal transformations | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |

## Concepts of Stakeholder Involvement

20. According to your understanding of stakeholder involvement in science: how SHOULD scientific research and political decision-making be related?

|  | Strongly<br>Agree<br>5 | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     | Strongly<br>Disagree<br>1 |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Science and policy making should be two separate fields. Policy makers can use the results of scientists.  | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| Through the integration of different interests, science can sketch out different paths or courses of action for policy makers.   | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| Scientific findings cannot directly be integrated into political decision-making processes but have to be translated by the scientist into information that is useful for policy makers. | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| Science should address the gap between science and society, thus contributing to well-informed, democratically justifiable decisions.  | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |

From the EXPERIENCE in your projects, was it like that? If possible, please specify by choosing one of the options above

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21. What is your understanding of science?

|  | Strongly<br>Agree<br>5 | 4                     | 3                     | 2                     | Strongly<br>Disagree<br>1 |
|--|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| It should be autonomous, ethically neutral and objective.                                    | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| It always depends on perceptions and constellations of the actors that carry it out.         | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| It is the societal sphere in which true statements are differentiated from false statements. | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |
| It should address societal needs and thus support societal transformations.                  | <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     |

## Looking ahead on Stakeholder Involvement

22. What would you need to improve your work with stakeholders?

- ☐ more funding
- ☐ more academic literature on stakeholder involvement
- ☐ longer projects
- ☐ larger pool of stakeholders
- ☐ fitting tools and methods for stakeholder involvement
- ☐ network of practitioners
- ☐ Other (please specify)

23. How will you involve stakeholders in the future?

- ☐ Less
- ☐ More
- ☐ Same
- ☐ Other (please specify)

24. Do you see trade-offs between your scientific goals and the involvement of stakeholders?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ If yes, please specify

## Questionnaire Feedback

25. Did you have trouble understanding our questions?

☐ Yes

☐ No

26. If yes, please indicate the questions that were difficult and state why.

27. How long did you take to answer the questions? (min)

28. Was there a subject concerning stakeholder involvement that is important to you and that was not covered in the questionnaire?

☐ Yes

☐ No

29. If yes, please state the subject:

30. If you are interested in our results, please leave your email address here:

Thank you!

**You have successfully completed our survey. Thank you for your participation!**